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Item  
**Appointment of Planning Commission member to RBWMO Self-Assessment Sub-Committee**

Date  
5/21/2015

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Description

Commissioners may recall completing a survey last year as part of a performance review for the Richfield Bloomington Watershed Management Organization (RBWMO). The results of that performance review indicated the WMO is meeting the appropriate rules, successfully implementing the watershed management plan, and attaining appropriate goals. However there were areas such as communication, developing more of a watershed perspective, and having more of a presence in the community where the RBWMO can improve.

As a result, the RBWMO has elected to go through a self-evaluation of its mission and goals. To facilitate this self-evaluation we are looking to bring together a sub-committee that includes 2 members from both the Richfield and Bloomington City Councils and 1 member from each of the Cities Citizen Advisory Committees. In addition, a staff member from each of the cities will participate in the evaluation as well.

The goal of the assessment is to look at the RBWMO mission and goals and develop recommendations for the full board to consider. Some of the recommendations may include: a reduction in the size of the Board, increased partnership with other water management agencies, roles of the advisory commissions, developing a re-use program/guidelines for development, and increased public awareness. The commitment is probably 5 meetings or less and will preferably be daytime meetings.

Not only is this a chance to learn more about watershed management, it's also a great opportunity to help shape the mission and goals for the RBWMO prior to the next generation watershed management plan which will be updated in 2017. Very often our biggest opportunities for improvements in urban water resource management are tied to development and zoning within the cities, thus having a representative from the Planning Commission is critical to the success of the sub-committee and the RBWMO.

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Requested Action

Request that at the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting the Planning Commission assign a person to be a part of this sub-committee for an RBWMO self-assessment.

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Attachments: